

## **Descendants of Lamberto Hontiveros Tirol and Sofia Ner Gonzales:**

- *Elsie Edna Tirol (m. Ramon Escalona Kimpo)*
- *Rizalina Tirol (m. Graciano Rojo)*
- *Araceli Tirol (m. Jaime Marte)*
- *Sol Tirol (m. Bernardo Carpio)*
- *Josel "Jose" G. Tirol (m. Lolita Denosta)*
- *Belen Gonzales Tirol+*
- *Demosthenes G. Tirol (m. Sylvia Gonzales)*
- *Florentina Gonzales Tirol+*
- *Haide Tirol (m. Jose Solidum), herself, the youngest*

## **Direct and Only Descendants of Lamberto Hontiveros Tirol and Sofia Ner Gonzales**

*and their respective property holdings in the island of Boracay*

**Araceli Gonzales Tirol m. Jaime Marte**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Part of Lapus-lapus)*

Divina Tirol Marte m. Tomas Villanueva

Hector Tirol Marte

Mia Tirol Marte

Percival Tirol Marte

Vilma Tirol Marte

***Belen Gonzales Tirol (+)***

**Demosthenes Gonzales Tirol m. Sylvia Gonzales**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Punta- Bunga and part of Ilig-iligan)*

Dem Gonzales Tirol

Leo Neil Gonzales Tirol

**Elsie Edna Gonzales Tirol m. Ramon Escalona Kimpo**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Candington and part of Hambaloron)*

Amelita Tirol Kimpo

Barbara Kimpo m. Ricardo Villanueva

John Gerald Villanueva

Kristine Barbara Villanueva

Richard Walter Villanueva

Juan Ramon Tirol Kimpo m. Haydee Villabert

Irene Christine Kimpo

John Ryan Kimpo

Mary Ann Tirol Kimpo m. Ali Al- Sheri

Philip Tirol Kimpo

John Philip Kimpo

Ramon Juan Kimpo Jr. m. Ruth Razon

Rhea Kimpo

Ruel Kimpo

Thelma Tirol Kimpo m. Benjamin Panganiban

Benjamin Panganiban

Concepcion Panganiban

Josephine Rowena Panganiban

Juliano Panganiban

Marius Panganiban

Ramon Panganiban

*Florentina Tirol (+)*

**Haide Gonzales Tirol m. Jose Solidum**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Bil-at and part of Yapac )*

Alexis Tirol Solidum m. Ethel Apolonio

Andrew James Apolonio Solidum

Candy Apolonio Solidum

Sarah Apolonio Solidum

Haidea Tirol Solidum

Jose Tirol Solidum Jr.

Lourdes Tirol Solidum

Ma. Sophia Tirol Solidum

Presberto Tirol Solidum

Rosette Tirol Solidum m. Tony Aster

**Josel "Jose" Gonzales Tirol Sr. m. Lolita Amoroso Denosta**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Bat Cave, part of Yapac, Puka, Ilig-iligan)*

Gabalmel Denosta Tirol m. Meredith Talamisan

David King Tirol

Elixer Talamisan Tirol

Ghamie Talamisan Tirol

Rowena Talamisan Tirol

Sofia Augie Talamisan Tirol

Jessica Denosta (Tirol) Andan m. Virgilio Andan

Maria Iodine Tirol Andan

James Kenneth Tirol Andan

Jocelyn Denosta Tirol m. Prospero Dignos

Kurt Dignos

Peachy Anne Tirol Dignos

Pocholo James Tirol Dignos

Prospero Tirol Dignos III

Josel Denosta Tirol Jr.

Roberto Denosta Tirol m. Angelina De Martin

Angelica de Martin Tirol

Devora Kaye de Martin Tirol

Rachelle Anne Tirol

Robert Den Tirol

Robert Von Tirol

**Rizalina Gonzales Tirol m. Graciano Rojo**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Part of Candigon and part of Lapus-lapus)*

Arthur Tirol Rojo

Orfeo Tirol Rojo

Teresita Tirol Rojo

**Sol Gonzales Tirol m. Bernardo Carpio**

*(The Boracay Island titled property holdings: Hambaluron, Santoyo and part of Yapak)*

Antonio Tirol Carpio m. Ruth Nguyen

Audrey Nguyen Carpio

Ronald Nguyen Carpio

Carissa Tirol Carpio m. Bernardo Dimacali

Priscilla Grace Dimacali

Victoria Grace Dimacali

Dennis Tirol Carpio m. Martha Ford

David Carpio

Philip Carpio

Florita Tirol Carpio

Judy Ann Tirol Carpio m. Edmundo Prantilla

Florence Prantilla

Joseph Prantilla

Paul Prantilla

Solomon Tirol Carpio m. Cynthia Brinas

Adrian Carpio

Mon Amado Carpio

Monique Carpio

Susan Tirol Carpio m. Norbert Frey

Michelle Frey

(+) *died during infancy*

**DOÑA SOFIA NER GONZALES - TIROL (Sofia)**  
 Born: April 1, 1879  
 Died: January 20, 1989 (110 years old)

**DON LAMBERTO HONTIVEROS TIROL (Lamber)**  
 Born: Unknown  
 Died: Around 1924  
 Date Married: Unknown

#### CHILDREN

- 1) BELEN G. TIROL  
 Born: Unknown  
 Died: Died in infancy
- 2) FLORENTINA G. TIROL  
 Born: Unknown  
 Died: Died when she was around 9, due to epilepsy.
- 3) ELSIE EDNA VIRGINIA TIROL-KIMPO (Elsie)  
 Born: August 27, 1909  
 Died: September 28, 1995 (86 years old)
- ATTY. RAMON ESCALONA KIMPO (Mon or Ramsy)  
 Born: August 14, 1899  
 Died: September 18, 1988 (89 years old)  
 Date Married: June 2, 1930
- 4) ESTELLA RIZALINA TIROL-RJOJO (Selling)  
 Born: February 12, 1913  
 Died: April 19, 1971 (58 years old)
- DR. GRACIANO ARGENAL RJOJO (Garas)  
 Born: December 18, 1900  
 Died: February 1945 (45 years old)  
 Date married: June 24, 1935
- 5) ARACELI VENERANDA TIROL-MARTE (Racel)  
 Born: February 1, 1915
- JAIME TEJADA MARTE (Jaime)  
 Born: December 29, 1916  
 Date Married: January 15, 1940
- 6) SOL TIROL-CARPIO (Sol)  
 Born: April 15, 1917
- COMMISSIONER BERNARDO DIAZ CARPIO (Berning)  
 Born: January 10, 1914  
 Died: December 15, 1987 (73 years old)  
 Date married: September 12, 1942
- 7) JOSEL G. TIROL (Josef)  
 Born: March 19, 1919  
 Died: May 21, 1950 (31 years old)
- LOLITA AMOROSO DENOSTA - TIROL (Lolita)  
 Born: November 6, 1918  
 Date Married: May 15, 1942
- 8) DEMOSTHENES G. TIROL (Mosten)  
 Born: September 23, 1921  
 Died: January 10, 1979 (58 years old)
- SYLVIA GONZALES-TIROL (Sylvia)  
 Born: May 21, 1931  
 Date Married: February 5, 1969
- 9) MARIA HAIDEA FELIXIA TIROL-SOLIDUM (Haide)  
 Born: January 14, 1923
- JUDGE JOSE SIM SOLIDUM (Jose)  
 Born: December 30, 1914  
 Date Married: June 29, 1947



## The Woman Behind the Greening of Boracay

By NICK I. MARTE

*Sofia Gonzales-Tirol and her husband, Lamberto, transformed Boracay from primeval wilderness into the exotic isle it is today.*



Of all beach resorts in the country, Boracay in Aklan province is considered the best. Its unique assets—crystal clear and gentle waters and smooth sloping sandy bottom—make the quaint resort the biggest swimming pool in the world, popular among backpackers from abroad.

The sound of caressing breezes, moonriver shimmering on moonlit nights, the rejuvenating calm, the blondish, white sands, and tall swaying coconut palms are natural attractions that draw tourists endlessly.

In an earlier period, Boracay was unlike the romantic hideaway that it is today. The mango-shaped islet was a stark, coral outcrop wreathed with thorn trees and mangroves and inhabited by aboriginal Negritos who subsisted on its bounty.

It was Lola Sofing and her husband, Lamberto Tirol, a town judge, who "discovered" the islet during one summer day in the early 1910's and transformed the haunting wilderness into an exotic isle.

The Tirol couple took on a title of ownership over a substantial tract. While her husband was away dispensing justice in another town, Lola Sofing brought in laborers from the mainland to clear the primeval debris. She then started the greening of Boracay by planting fruit trees, particularly coconuts, on the open land.

The cultivation spread as other new comers came and refurbished their part of the islet. A native community formed. Since her first trek, a track of footpaths have followed Lola Sofing's trail on the virginal sands of Boracay. According to 1986 local figures, some 18,000 tourists (mostly foreigners from Europe) were Boracay visitors.

Sofia Gonzales-Tirol or Lola Sofing, as she is fondly called by kin, is all of 108 years old this year. She was born on April 1, 1879 in Salinas, Cavite, child of a Chinese mestiza Tagala mother, Florentina Ner and a Visayan father, Cipriano Gomez-Gonzales, the first Doctor of Kalibo. Her parents resided briefly in the Santa Cruz district of Manila where she spent a happy childhood. The family then moved to Kalibo to reside there permanently.

Orphaned at an early age, Lola Sofing was raised by an elder brother, Nicanor, once a Katipunero leader. He was, by nature, stern and dominating. Sofing felt oppressed in her brother's home and to escape from his strict care, she decided to marry at age 16 to Lamberto, scion of a landed clan in Ibalay. She bore him nine children but two died in infancy.

Following her husband's demise in the late 1930's, Lola Sofing's life took on a new vigor seeing to the education of her seven surviving children and administering the coconut plantation in Boracay. The fluctuating prices of copra has always determined the prosperity of coconut-dependent livelihood in Aklan and her widowed existence shifted along with the rise and fall of her products.

According to her daughter, Araceli Tirol-Marte, her mother led a rocky life that spanned three great world tumults: the Spanish-American War and the First and Second World Wars. Of these historic events, she has some vivid recollections of her life, particularly during the American invasion of Cavite in 1898. When that short-lived war broke out, she was a budding teenager.

She recalls unforgettable bits of that historic incident: she was awakened at break of dawn by reverberating, sharp explosions coming from American warships firing broadsides at the hapless Spanish Armada anchored at Manila Bay. Noisy shelling was also heard from the sea-side, Spanish fort in what is known as Sangley Point.

She recalls with amusement her first encounter with the American troops who landed a few days later. A Yank, slogging through the street, exclaimed, "Oh, pickaninny-mucho guapita." Soldiers started throwing coins to the curious crowd and Lola Sofing enthusiastically picked up some.

The ancestral family of Lola Sofing is well-known for their great survival power. An aunt died at the ripe age of 115. Her elder brother, Nicanor, passed away at age 91. Old age has inevitably caught up with the woman behind the greening of Boracay.

Now, Lola Sofing is living in her daydreams more than before. She spends her waning days in bed after more than a century of a hectic life.

At present, she stays in the residence of her daughter Araceli in New Buswag, a Kalibo suburb.

"My mother has made a lot of sacrifices," Araceli said, "having been orphaned and then a widow left to raise seven children."

Age-weary, her gentle mind now and then wanders back into memory lanes of yesteryears. Even as she closes her eyes, heavy with the load of time, she intones snatches of imagined conversations with her memory's ghosts. Recalling, perhaps, the good times in her life in Boracay.

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The Gonzales-Tirol Family					
1ST GENERATION	2ND GENERATION	3RD GENERATION	4TH GENERATION	5TH GENERATION	
SOFIA and LAMBERTO	1. Belen				
	2. Florentina				
	3. Eula Edna m Ramon Kimpo	1. Juan Ramon m Haydes Villabert	1. John Ryan m Irene Christine		
		2. Thelma m Benjamin Pangariban	1. Julian m Shirley Chua	1. Enrique Lorenzo Nino	
			2. Ramon m Fatima Sevilla	1. Rodrigo	
			3. Benjamin m Fe Meredith Palacay	1. Brian 2. Benette	
			4. Marius		
			5. Concepcion Edna m Glicerio Tacarro	1. Gabriel Noel	
			6. Josephine Rowena		
		3. Ramon, Jr. m Ruth Razon	1. Ruel Ramon 2. Rhea		
		4. Barbara m Ricardo Villanueva	1. John Gerald m Lee Dominguez	1. Jo-ann 2. Barbara	
			2. Richard Walter m Monique Tampanco	1. Kristine Michaela	
			3. Kristine Barbara		
		5. Annela			
		6. Philip m Marilyn Paraiso	1. John Philip		
		7. Mary Ann m Ali Al-Shahri	1. Tamara 2. Tarik		
*Belen & Florentina died during infancy					

1ST GENERATION	2ND GENERATION	3RD GENERATION	4TH GENERATION	5TH GENERATION
	4. Rosalina m Graciano Rojo	1. Orfeo m Pacta Gapuz	1. Josefina m Jesus Honrado m Manuel Nathvidad	1. Mari Tarja 2. Julian Antonio
			2. Rowena m Ronaldo Gonzaga	1. Camille Katherine 2. Paul Rafael
			3. Marcia m Carlos Pallemente	1. Philip Miguel 2. TBA
			4. Francisco m Rosmarie Aguirre	1. Rosa Anne 2. Windsor Gabriela
			5. Victor m Shella Pallezolas	1. Alexis Therese 2. Janica
			6. Lucille Rosalina	
			7. Franchette	
		2. Tereasa m Allen Corpuz		
		3. Arthur m Cecilia Sanbo	1. Jesus Zeus	
	5. Anacel m Jaime Marte	1. Percival		
		2. Vilma m Rolando Tapalla	1. Mary Jane 2. Roderick	
		3. Mia m Mario Leon	1. Tim 2. Ryan 3. Jai	
		4. Dina m Tomas Villanueva	1. Caesar	
		5. Hector	2. Karen	
	6. Sol m Bernardo Cergio	1. Dennis m Martha Ford	1. Philip 2. David	
		2. Solomon m Cynthia Brinas	1. Monique m Owen Murray	1. Rebecca
		3. Susan m Norbert Frey	2. Adrian 3. Mon Amado	
		4. Antonio m Ruth Nguyen	1. Michelle	
			1. Ronaldito 2. Audrey	

1ST GENERATION	2ND GENERATION	3RD GENERATION	4TH GENERATION	5TH GENERATION
		5. Judy Ann m Edmundo Parilla	1. Florence 2. Joseph 3. Paul	
		6. Carlos m Bernardo Dimacall	1. Victoria Grace 2. Priscilla Grace	
		7. Florita		
	7. Josef m Leticia Dencola	1. Joseph m Prospero Digno	1. James m Nedia Prati	1. Jade
		2. Kurt		
		3. Precy Ann m Frederick Tan, Jr.		
		4. Pina m Rosario Pulido		1. Chad Michael
		5. Hazel Prudence		
		2. Gabriel m Meredith Talamian	1. Ghamie Carmelo m Lisa Loyola	1. Ghayale
		3. Joseph, Jr.		
		4. Jessica m Virgilio Andan	1. Mary Isoline 2. James Kenneth	
		5. Roberto m Leticia Demaselli	1. Robert Von 2. Robert Dean 3. Rachel Anne	
	8. Demosthenes m Sybil Gonzales	1. Leo Neil 2. Dan		
	9. Heide m Jose Saldum	1. Jose, Jr. m Lydia Pa Benito	1. Louvette 1. Jamie Lani	
		2. Proberto		
		3. Alexis m Ethel Apolonio	1. Candy 2. Sarah 3. Andrew James	
		4. Heide m Arturo Sanchez	1. Maria Louisa	
		5. Lourdes m Quintiano Montevigen	1. Joshua J (wins) 2. Gabe 3. TBA	
		6. Rosetta		
		7. Sophia		

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